

**City of Kingston Arts Commission
Meeting - Thursday, February 11 2016 – 4:30 p.m.
City Hall**

MINUTES

Attendance

Commission members in attendance were: Anne Bailey, Micah Blumenthal, Ruth Ann Devitt-Frank, Lara Giordano, Susie Linn, Linda Marston-Reid and Pablo Shine.

Richard Frumess and Ward Mintz were unable to attend.

January Minutes

The January meeting minutes were approved with no adjustments.

Ruth Ann reported that she received a tutorial about how to manage Arts Commission page on the City's Web site. She will post the agenda for new meetings on the day before or day of, and minutes from past meetings after final approval every month.

Update on ArtPlace Funding Opportunity

Susie summarized what she learned from the ArtPlace Webinar on February 2. The main takeaway was that this year's priority is collaborative projects with a health, environment add/or public safety focus. Projects must be clearly defined and specify how the community will know the project is happening (through a measure of positive media mentions). They must demonstrate partnerships and community engagement that leads to social change. .

The group concluded that it is premature for the Arts Commission to submit a proposal in this year's round but that discussions should continue so that we are ready for the next round.

Susie had already scheduled a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the proposal, so she said she would use the opportunity to update him about the types of projects the Arts Commission would like to do.

KHS/City Partnership, Pop-Up Shows

Lara provided an update about the program for high school juniors that is now officially under way. Art students will learn what goes into producing a show, include how to frame and hang work, write project proposals, develop marketing materials, coordinate space and more. The first show will take place in a location TBD on the first Saturday in May. Students will receive a stipend and the art materials they need

Lara also described an idea she has for the high school's science building, which will be empty in 2018. It is already equipped with work spaces and sinks, so it would be an ideal location for art studios and an artist-in-residence program. She would like to develop the idea and create an incubator program.

Arts Commission Projects - Brainstorming Session

All agreed that a separate informal session to discuss ideas should be scheduled. Lara offered her home and Linda offered to conduct a Doodle Poll for dates. The meeting was subsequently set for Thursday, March 3.

Committee Structure

The group did not go into detail on this subject, so it should be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

New Business

Micah offered to set up a Google Docs account where we can post an Arts Commission calendar that can be a clearinghouse for nonprofit fundraising and other events in Kingston.

The group also discussed producing a directory to include artists and arts-related businesses and nonprofits.

The Red Goat raised its head again briefly as a possible Kingston mascot. Further discussion is needed.

Next Arts Commission Meeting

The next Arts Commission meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m.**